

**Amendments to Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 25, lines 6-20, with the following paragraph:

The term "response element" means one or more cis-acting DNA elements which confer responsiveness on a promoter mediated through interaction with the DNA-binding domains of the first chimeric gene. This DNA element may be either palindromic (perfect or imperfect) in its sequence or composed of sequence motifs or half sites separated by a variable number of nucleotides. The half sites can be similar or identical and arranged as either direct or inverted repeats or as a single half site or multimers of adjacent half sites in tandem. The response element may comprise a minimal promoter isolated from different organisms depending upon the nature of the cell or organism into which the response element will be incorporated. The DNA binding domain of the first hybrid protein binds, in the presence or absence of a ligand, to the DNA sequence of a response element to initiate or suppress transcription of downstream gene(s) under the regulation of this response element. Examples of DNA sequences for response elements of the natural ecdysone receptor include: RRGG/TTCANTGAC/ACYY (SEQ ID NO: 76) (see Cherbas L., et. al., (1991), *Genes Dev.* 5, 120-131); AGGTCAN<sub>(n)</sub>AGGTCA, where N<sub>(n)</sub> (SEQ ID NO: 77) can be one or more spacer nucleotides (see D'Avino PP., et. al., (1995), *Mol. Cell. Endocrinol.* 113, 1-9); and GGGTTGAATGAATTT (SEQ ID NO: 78) (see Antoniewski C., et. al., (1994). *Mol. Cell Biol.* 14, 4465-4474).